

NEW SOUTH WALES.

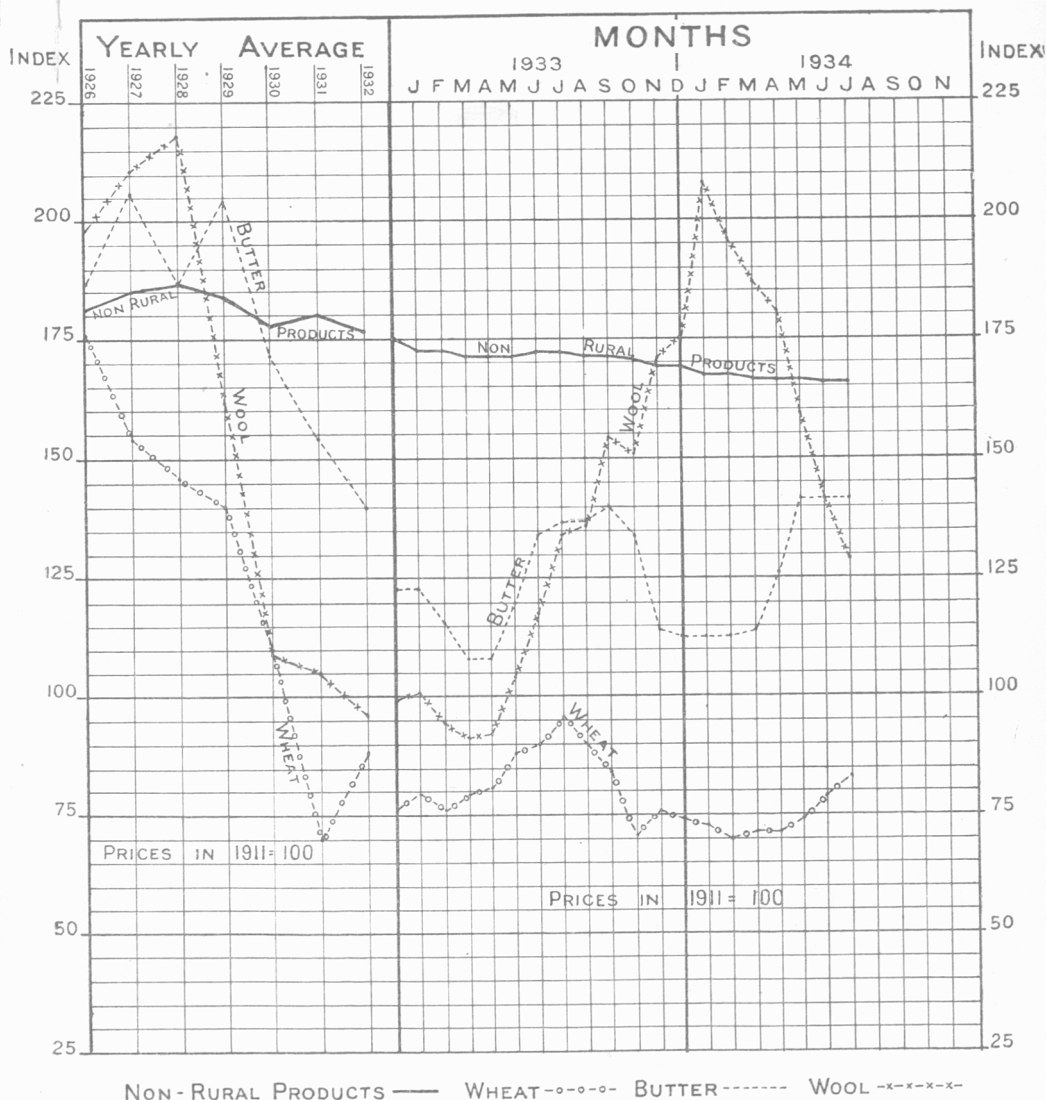
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100.



(Local Sales.)

All prices are in Australian currency. The indexes for recent months are shown in table 26 on page 11 of this summary. The footnotes to that table apply also to this graph.

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[Price, 3d.]

SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1933.													
April ...	69	123	79	58	86	50	130	75	86	187	151	77	164
May ...	112	78	76	73	86	91	73	71	74	58	40	83	56
June ...	103	56	65	32	69	105	55	62	65	210	154	74	178
July ...	227	129	114	113	150	228	122	108	127	216	200	100	197
August ...	60	30	53	75	51	50	36	57	50	16	12	54	20
September ...	160	187	142	150	161	147	170	146	152	184	216	89	180
October ...	213	136	68	91	131	232	124	67	102	161	228	96	170
November ...	184	194	182	382	208	183	187	193	190	172	125	177	161
December ...	88	95	213	196	142	91	107	223	176	160	166	147	160
1934.													
January ...	108	102	217	57	136	114	123	199	169	69	51	322	97
February ...	241	344	284	146	274	255	346	306	310	167	210	319	198
March ...	8	11	46	16	22	2	10	52	35	53	44	54	51
April	85	84	134	84	106	70	101	133	117	179	177	338	198
May	37	11	5	4	15	14	8	0	4	231	98	100	180
June	54	81	90	61	74	61	83	70	72	28	45	204	55
July	162	180	168	120	165	162	173	160	163	211	189	227	207

N.—Northern; S.—Southern; C.—Central; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

Abundant rainfall in July restored favourable seasonal conditions over practically the whole of the state.

2. WOOL.

Receipts of wool into Sydney to date are slightly below those in the corresponding period last season. Sydney auctions will open on 3rd September.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Period.	Number of bales sold.			Amount realised for wool sold.		
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Year ended 30th June*	1,176,643	1,272,555	1,080,556	£12,726,626	£14,357,939	£21,973,901

Number of Bales Received into Store.

	During Month.			Total for Season to end of Month.		
July ...	52,218	47,476	50,649	52,218	47,476	50,649

Number of Bales in Store Unsold.

31st July*	100,539	58,770	110,316
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* Including carry-over from previous season.

The course of wool prices is shown in Table 26. The average price realised for greasy wool sold at Sydney auctions in the year ended June, 1934, was 15.8d. per lb., as compared with 8.5d. per lb. in 1932-33.

3. WHEAT.

The area sown with wheat for 1933-34 was 4,948,000 acres, including 4,616,000 acres for grain. It is estimated that the total crop harvested in the State was in the vicinity of 55,000,000 bushels. On 11th August, 1934, the quantity of wheat grain stored in silos and on railway premises was 20,554,000 bushels. Of this quantity 7,289,000 bushels were on sites in the Metropolitan Area.

WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTED OVERSEA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (DIRECT)

Month.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Bushels of Wheat.			Tons of Flour.			
December	3,470,737	5,895,225	925,068	22,404	25,331	21,632
January	5,344,553	6,033,908	560,222	10,212	15,049	20,674
February	5,307,083	7,525,590	1,912	20,291	31,373	18,258
March	3,521,337	4,166,015	480,095	24,223	30,190	16,889
April	1,853,165	1,184,170	3,518	17,046	16,499	14,392
May	1,305,925	635,482	22,487	21,293	15,080	15,117
June	263,930	1,382,372	472,912	10,959	14,656	13,195
July	611,053	2,221,918	1,192,697	19,500	20,984	13,480

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Bushels of Wheat (Equivalent).			Value £.			
December	4,537,605	7,101,449	1,955,154	737,355	1,039,656	258,707
January	5,830,820	6,750,537	1,544,700	986,683	981,122	196,893
February	6,273,300	9,019,564	871,359	1,013,169	1,258,224	103,923
March	4,674,823	5,603,643	1,284,340	735,213	806,092	150,247
April	2,664,881	1,969,815	688,839	433,343	277,630	80,143
May	2,319,877	1,353,556	742,349	373,318	198,201	87,539
June	785,799	2,080,293	1,101,229	120,914	314,021	145,694
July	1,539,648	3,221,139	1,834,611	237,894	522,171	256,681
Total (eight months)	28,626,753	37,099,996	10,022,581	4,637,889	5,397,117	1,279,827

The course of wheat prices is shown in Table 26. The rate of disposals increased in July, but a large exportable surplus still remains unsold. The Minister for Agriculture announced that wheat at present stored in Government silos (approximately 15,000,000 bushels) must be removed by 15th October.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in 1933-34 was 16 per cent. greater than that of the former record season, 1932-33. Output in June declined from the record levels of the previous nine months.

Month.	Output of Butter (New South Wales factories).		Butter exported oversea (New South Wales).			
	1933.	1934.	Quantity.		Value.	
			1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.
	Thousand lb.	Thousand lb.			£	£
Year ended 30th June ...	123,625	143,208	42,487	59,238	1,813,383	2,352,468*
Total—January to June	62,979	76,613	22,028	36,187	869,524	1,399,193*
January	12,271	18,293	5,344	9,471	228,155	362,983
February	13,463	14,950	6,192	8,329	249,443	317,640
March	12,357	15,480	7,126	5,552	267,097	215,325
April	9,869	12,064	2,284	5,367	82,190	217,650*
May	8,715	9,136	828	4,797	31,366	180,868*
June	6,304	6,690	254	2,671	11,273	104,727
July	5,929	.....	604	568	26,035	20,963

* Revised.

The course of local butter prices is shown in Table 26. Export sales parity (Sydney) on 16th August, 1934, was 80s. per cwt. compared with 101s. per cwt. a year previously.

5. COAL.

The quantity of coal raised in 1933 was 7,118,000 tons compared with 6,784,000 tons in 1932 and 6,432,000 tons in 1931.

Month.	Coal Hauled by Government Railways.†			Coal Exported from New South Wales.†	
	1928.	1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Year ended 31st December ...	6,198,971	4,902,779	.....	2,599,950	.....
January	546,533	360,500	452,715	204,914	215,672
February	502,801	387,499	425,812	217,050	224,032
March	522,006	430,810	427,395	235,651	205,322
April	427,279	336,798	439,861	200,664	208,918
May	572,078	473,995	509,002	237,107	256,395
June	515,271	433,589	491,642	214,259	253,185
July	585,437	400,236	530,000*	193,438	236,000*
Total (January to July) ...	3,671,405	2,823,427	3,276,427*	1,503,083	1,599,524*

* Approximate.

† Cargo and bunker, Oversea and interstate.

‡ Excludes coal used by the Railway Department and coal shipped or used in New South Wales without being hauled over Government railways.

6. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January... ..	1,982	1,822	1,996	2,199	135	137	152	163*	542	497	545	562*
February	1,993	2,108	2,098	2,326	140	141	156	173	535	519	559	598
March	1,977	2,273	2,297	2,434	142	144	155	175	539	535	549	612
April	1,867	2,019	1,862	2,097	140	144	156	177	531	529	529	615
May	1,929	1,989	2,153	2,394	137	142	157	178	526	523	539	628
June	1,879	1,823	1,964	2,142	137	139	155	178	506	501	536	622
July	1,986	1,887	1,986	...	135	142	160	...	516	520	531	...
August	1,845	2,058	2,176	...	136	150	162	...	514	554	563	...
September	1,889	2,116	2,143	...	140	155	167	...	519	559	593	...
October	1,914	2,042	2,198	...	142	156	171	...	539	556	605	...
November	2,050	2,326	2,470	...	142	156	174	...	528	560	606	...
December	2,265	2,375	2,414	...	142	155	173	...	527	587	621	...
Average (January to June) ...	1,938	2,006	2,062	2,265	138	141	155	174	530	517	543	606

See also Table 23.

* Decrease due to a dispute in the Textile Industry.

NOTE—Particulars for 1930 were shown in No. 34—February, 1934 issue of this Summary.

7. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded:—

Year.	Month of July.				June Quarter.			
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Country Municipalities.		Total, New South Wales.*	
			New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1932... ..	£ 114,632	£ 17,796	56	£ 55,708	268	£ 123,892	£ 553,559	
1933... ..	329,180	105,596	151	148,996	392	199,821	1,166,088	
1934... ..	416,328	62,017	264	271,771	789	459,780	2,067,333	

* Including seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area. All other Shires are excluded, as returns are not supplied.

Figures as to permits to erect new buildings or additions show in advance the trend in the building industry. More detailed information extending over a number of years is shown on pages 22 to 25 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for June Quarter, 1934.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

8. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.*

To and from New South Wales direct Oversea.

Year.	Australian Currency Values.				British Currency Values.			
	Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.		Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Thousand £ Australian.				Thousand £ Sterling.			
1932	2,243	1,190	23,442	30,723	1,791	951	18,399	24,101
1933	2,283	1,901	28,783	32,973	1,822	1,518	22,980	26,326
1934	2,932	1,377	31,180	39,837	2,341	1,100	24,894	31,806

* Excluding bullion and specie.

The values of imports represent the cost f.o.b. port of export plus 10 per cent., and are recorded in *English currency*. The values of exports are the values in the principal markets of New South Wales, less bonuses on butter, &c., and are recorded in *Australian currency*. The respective equivalent values in Australian and British currencies shown above are *estimated*.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Recorded Sales (New South Wales) under Sales Tax Act.

Month.	1931.		1932.		1933.		1934.	
	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
	Million £.		Million £.		Million £.		Million £.	
January	4.20	9.33	4.53	9.89	4.05	9.52	4.26	9.87
February	4.56	9.71	4.76	9.52	4.49	9.98	4.64	10.37
March	4.82	9.64	5.05	9.55	4.97	10.92	5.30	10.92
April	5.27	11.37	5.39	10.17	5.00	10.67	5.25	11.25
May	5.16	9.81	5.03	10.17	5.35	11.37	5.58	11.64
June	5.64	10.71	4.67	9.61	4.76	10.63	4.93	10.91
July	4.63	9.65	4.66	10.09	4.55	10.33		
August	4.68	9.10	5.01	10.22	5.08	11.23		
September	4.81	10.45	5.42	11.10	5.79	11.51		
October	4.84	10.47	5.17	11.13	5.53	11.30		
November	4.80	10.51	5.25	11.05	5.16	11.42		
December	4.91	11.47	5.36	11.76	5.70	11.81		

A considerable number of commodities was exempt from tax as from 1st September, 1932, with further exemptions as from 26th October, 1933. The number of wholesalers dealing only in exempt goods and not required to supply returns, therefore tends to increase.

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from 22 city stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for months shown below compared with corresponding months of previous year:—

Month.	Number of Business Days in Month.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
1933.			Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—).					
October ...	25	25	(+) 6'4	(—) 4'9	(+) 3'7	(+) 2'5	(+) 2'9	(—) 2'8
November ...	26	26	(+) 2'5	(—) 4'5	(+) 3'4	(+) 1'9	(+) 3'2	(+) 1'1
December ...	25	24	(+) 1'8	(—) 6'1	(—) 2'1	(+) 2'5	(+) 3'3	(+) 1'4
1934.								
January ...	24	25	(+) 5'6	(—) 5'8	(+) 6'4	(+) 2'9	(+) 3'0	(+) 2'3
February ...	24	24	(+) 1'7	(—) 6'3	(+) 2'3	(+) 2'9	(+) 2'8	(+) 1'9
March ...	27	26	(+) 2'9	(—) 5'3	(+) 1'3	(+) 3'8	(+) 3'3	(+) 3'3
April ...	22	23	(+) 8'9	(—) 4'8	(+) 3'8	(+) 3'9	(+) 4'5	(+) 2'5
May ...	27	27	(+) 8'6	(—) 3'4	(+) 6'0	(+) 5'8	(+) 6'9	(+) 3'7
June ...	25	25	(+) 5'6	(—) 2'3	(+) 6'3	(+) 8'6	(+) 7'7	(+) 5'4

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were :—

	Month of June.			Year ended 30th June.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932 ...	1,048,795	1,265,610	(—) 216,815	15,001,022	12,532,869	2,468,153
1933 ...	1,121,250	1,480,291	(—) 359,041	15,405,320	12,021,284	3,384,036
1934 ...	1,136,760	1,615,030	(—) 478,270	14,890,186	11,205,979	3,684,207

* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1932–33 was £6,352,581, exclusive of £1,191,937 exchange.

	Month of June.		Year ended 30th June.	
	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1932 ...	89,489	11,131	1,471,998	128,359
1933 ...	113,597	10,968	1,620,091	132,867
1934 ...	109,732	12,732	1,474,341	142,520

* Goods (including wayleave) and live stock. Ton-mileage represents the weight times the distance (miles) it was carried.

During 1932–33 certain rail freights and workmen's weekly fares were reduced and further substantial reductions in all passenger fares and in certain freight rates were made in 1933–34.

12. TRAMWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAYS.

	Sydney and Suburbs.			Newcastle and Suburbs.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried. ††	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
Year ended 30th June, 1934. ...	£ 3,026,962	£ 653,388	267,707,411	£ 210,980	£ 51,216	19,245,823
1933. ...						
June ...	234,987	32,633	21,155,880	16,444	1,703	1,540,863
July ...	235,010	33,088	21,070,407	17,138	3,806	1,574,258
August ...	246,069	49,012	21,086,881	16,362	3,540	1,487,016
September ...	239,909	44,478	21,163,769	16,765	4,775	1,537,881
October ...	250,187	53,808	22,474,578	17,519	4,474	1,603,717
November ...	244,061	47,751	21,824,711	17,583	5,321	1,626,604
December ...	267,879	70,178	24,060,682	19,426	6,731	1,768,604
1934. ...						
January ...	281,805	84,641	23,467,180	19,235	6,190	1,675,091
February ...	244,067	63,608	21,316,712	17,134	3,949	1,557,171
March ...	273,993	72,402	24,236,020	18,196	4,210	1,663,184
April ...	255,184	52,004	22,595,630	16,929	1,886	1,565,646
May ...	258,509	53,258	22,893,212	17,674	2,965	1,623,413
June ...	230,289	29,160	21,517,629	17,019	3,369	1,563,238

* Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation are not included as working expenses. The amount of interest chargeable against the tramways in 1932–33 was £383,500, exclusive of £69,000 exchange. †† Excludes passengers carried on Sydney Harbour Bridge Section only.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.), AS AT VARIOUS DATES.†

Class.	30th June—				31st December 1933.	31st March, 1934.	31st May, 1934.	30th June, 1934.	31st July, 1934.
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.					
Cars	169,495	154,096	143,970	147,647	152,369	153,671	154,362	154,567	154,999
Lorries and Vans	45,309	41,788	38,618	42,335	45,613	46,447	47,123	47,533	47,951
Cycles	29,410	25,453	22,741	22,397	22,491	22,445	22,412	22,306	22,212
Buses	640	676	362	415	450	456	458	456	458
Cabs	1,340	1,078	1,070	1,066	1,052	1,050	1,052	1,051	1,052

† Government vehicles (except omnibuses) are excluded.

Average Weekly Number of New Cars Registered.*

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930 ...	394	361	285	200	199	196	181	183	135	141	141	132
1931 ...	78	83	69	88	59	55	47	45	45	55	60	53
1932 ...	55	61	63	58	55	53	61	71	67	93	96	106
1933 ...	74	81	89	96	88	94	95	112	132	138	146	198
1934 ...	142	144	130	147	201	241	236					

* Represents average for four weeks ending on first Tuesday in succeeding month until October, 1932; subsequent periods end on first Friday in ensuing month. The term "new" denotes that the vehicle was not previously registered in N.S.W.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	108,663	118,507	127,462	162,813	201,206
February	108,603	118,720	130,591	164,960	204,149
March	109,026	119,398	132,583	168,695	207,503
April	109,101	120,332	135,014	171,044	212,448
May	110,504	120,642	138,054	174,729	218,322
June	111,080	122,470	141,450	178,000	226,831
July	115,154	121,992	144,804	181,919	238,155

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

Date.	Amount of Deposits.	Date.	Amount of Deposits.	
			1933.	1934.
1929—June 30	£ 85,727,514†	January 31	£ 71,262,764*	£ 73,824,490*
1930—June 30	82,465,430†	February 28	71,334,540*	74,030,249*
1931—March 31	70,773,167	March 31	71,253,452	73,958,642
June 30	69,810,769†	April 30	70,990,580*	74,032,844*
September 30	71,448,529	May 31	70,685,762*	74,203,553*
December 31	72,503,441	June 30	72,307,685†	75,714,046*†
1932—March 31	70,766,850	July 31	72,308,525*	75,826,113*
June 30... ..	71,647,869†	August 31	72,309,000*	
September 30	70,906,662	September 30	72,357,694	
December 31	70,298,583	October 31	72,453,208*	
		November 30	72,463,571*	
		December 31	72,503,848	

* Approximate.

† Includes accrued interest.

16. TRADING BANKS—ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

TOTAL (including Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and including Government Business).

June Quarter.	Deposits.	Advances, &c., and Government Securities.	Excess of Advances over Deposits, &c.
	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £
1932	111,172	138,639	27,467
1933	114,175	139,357	25,182
1934	122,745	140,988	18,243

17. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government Deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

June Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances, &c.	Excess of Advances over Deposits.	Ratio of Advances to Deposits
	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Total.			
	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	per cent.
1932	56,294	34,876	91,170	92,189	1,019	101.1
1933	58,446	36,301	94,747	92,144	(—) 2,603	97.3
1934	62,647	42,495	105,142	91,412	(—) 13,730	86.9

18. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	Amount—Million £						Index Numbers					
January ...	86.2	78.2	67.4	46.7	49.2	59.5	107	102	82	63	68	78
February ...	88.1	75.5	63.8	47.3	47.7	59.3	107	98	82	62	66	77
March ...	89.8	83.7	69.9	42.7	53.3	58.8	106	95	81	*	63	75
April ...	89.7	68.6	62.4	43.5	44.4	52.8	104	94	82	*	63	74
May ...	89.7	76.7	54.0	46.1	58.9	61.7	104	93	77	*	67	74
June ...	84.8	71.7	57.1	51.8	52.4	72.1	104	90	75	66	68	78
July ...	88.8	73.7	48.9	46.8	49.7	54.8	106	89	66	62	68	76
August ...	84.1	58.4	45.5	46.0	48.5	...	108	85	65	64	66	...
September ...	78.7	61.7	†54.6	51.3	55.6	...	107	82	64	65	69	...
October ...	89.1	71.5	56.0	53.5	55.4	...	106	80	65	66	70	...
November ...	85.5	65.8	50.6	55.3	63.9	...	103	81	66	68	74	...
December ...	88.8	86.9	52.9	57.7	62.4	...	104	82	64	69	74	...
Year ...	1,043.3	872.4	†683.1	588.7	641.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* State Government banking transactions suspended. Index not ascertainable.
Government transactions.

† Exclusive of certain abnormal

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

19. INTEREST RATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Class.	Month of July.					Date of Last Change.
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	
BANK RATES.						
Trading Banks—	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	1934.
Fixed Deposits—Two years ...	5½	4½	3½	3	2½	April 12.
Overdraft ...	7-8½	5-7	5-6	5-6	4½-5	July 1.
Savings Bank Balances—Under £500 ...	4	3	2½	2½	2½	June 1.
AUSTRALIAN CONSOLIDATED LOANS.						
	January, 1932.	September, 1932.	July, 1933.	December, 1933.	July, 1934.	August 16, 1934.
Interest Yield (including Redemption) on 4 per cent. Securities—	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.	Per cent. per annum.
Repayable 1938 ...	£ s. d. 5 0 8	£ s. d. 4 1 4	£ s. d. 3 10 6	£ s. d. 3 5 11	£ s. d. 2 15 10	£ s. d. 2 17 3
Repayable 1938-47 (4 loans) ...	4 17 4	4 1 11	3 13 0	3 9 6	3 1 3	3 1 11
Repayable 1950-61 (6 loans) ...	4 11 0	4 1 11	3 15 3	3 13 6	3 7 0	3 10 0

NOTE.—In terms of the Commonwealth Conversion Loan of September, 1931, Government Securities held in Australia were converted into new issues. The effect was to reduce the interest payable by 22½ per cent. from 31st July, 1931.

20. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

	Month of July.		Seven months ended 31st July.	
	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*
	£	£	£	£
1932 ...	1,172,011	657,470	6,250,209	5,156,692
1933 ...	1,304,915	895,768	8,267,553	5,223,157
1934 ...	3,331,496	1,520,768	13,088,268	8,964,771

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

The above comparison is affected by a decline in property values. Figures for individual months are shown in Table 50 of the Statistical Bulletin of New South Wales for June Quarter, 1934.

NOTE.—Mortgages and liens in some instances secure fluctuating advances, the amount of which is not recorded in the legal instruments. The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security of subsisting mortgages are included.

21. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of July.			Seven months ended 31st July.		
	Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.	Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932 ...	353,592	227,567	151,914	3,998,473	1,912,203	1,349,022
1933 ...	189,504	100,150	112,368	3,608,857	2,129,366	727,334
1934 ...	182,635	364,066	129,753	2,016,259	2,507,733	1,101,417

See note under Table 20.

The numbers involved in liens and mortgages were as follow :—

Seven months ended 31st July.	Number of Crop Liens.	Number of Sheep subject to Liens on Wool.*	Number of Livestock under Mortgage.		
			Sheep.*	Cattle.	Horses.
1932 ...	8,185	7,731,949	7,022,437	89,907	12,369
1933 ...	6,994	7,722,399	4,609,439	93,000	9,840
1934 ...	4,867	6,561,261	5,352,693	101,774	12,204

* In many cases sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

22. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
February	9'7	16'3	29'2	31'8	30'2	25'8
May	10'0	21'0	30'7	33'2	29'6	25'0
August	12'4	23'3	31'6	33'0	28'8	
November... ..	13'8	26'3	31'5	31'9	27'0	

The above figures are compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns supplied by Trade Unions, and represent the proportion of unemployed members to total membership in unions reporting.

23. INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Data under this heading are not yet available. The numbers of employees in 98 of the larger factories of the State were as follow :—

Middle of Month.	1931.	1932.	1933.	Middle of Month.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
July	32,399	36,114	39,189	January	34,440	38,166	41,318*
August	32,005	37,418	39,902	February	34,903	39,776	42,499
September	32,468	38,381	40,780	March	35,435	40,136	44,019
October	33,392	38,415	42,136	April	36,040	39,911	44,371
November	34,521	39,302	42,843	May	35,535	39,900	45,138
December	34,399	38,923	41,614	June	35,794	39,344	45,144

* Reduction due to a dispute in the textile industry.

Changes in the volume of employment in retail trades are indicated in Table 10.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and the group averages are the means of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. It represents the ratio of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values.

Par Value of Shares = 100.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 73.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
July, 1929...	178.8	172.9	129.9	158.8	231.6	169.4	168.8
July, 1930...	112.5	102.8	109.6	87.9	172.6	112.6	111.2
Sept., 1931 §	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
July, 1932...	100.0	78.0	112.1	94.9	152.0	95.3	102.1
1933.							
January ...	114.4	90.2	131.9	106.2	163.3	107.0	115.4
June ...	129.1	99.3	138.3	119.6	176.6	119.3	127.2
September...	135.6	108.8	139.6	135.6	186.0	126.0	134.1
October ...	141.9	116.5	143.6	134.2	196.3	131.6	139.9
November...	139.8	117.0	140.6	138.4	196.6	130.9	138.5
December ...	139.3	120.3	143.3	145.6	199.3	132.4	139.5
1934.							
January ...	147.2	129.7	151.5	159.6	209.2	140.0	147.8
February ...	149.7	130.0	153.4	151.9	214.7	141.4	147.4
March ...	148.0	131.8	153.2	152.2	217.1	141.4	147.8
April ...	148.8	134.7	158.8	154.7	223.3	143.8	150.5
May ...	150.2	139.6	160.4	153.1	222.7	145.3	151.2
June ...	147.6	135.3	157.6	145.0	222.6	142.4	147.6
July ...	147.0	134.1	159.6	142.6	222.5	142.3	147.4

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The lowest point of the index was reached in September, 1931.

25. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
January	100	103.1	101.3	95.6	92.9	97.9	99.6
February	100	104.4	98.1	97.4	94.9	97.2	99.9
March	100	101.8	101.1	97.1	95.2	97.6	99.0
April	100	103.6	100.4	96.0	95.6	96.1	100.8
May	100	105.5	100.0	94.4	95.1	96.9	100.0
June	100	103.5	99.9	96.6	98.7	96.7	102.8
July	100	105.2	98.7	96.0	96.7	96.1	100.5
August	100	106.1	99.8	94.0	97.3	100.7	
September	100	108.5	97.9	93.6	96.9	98.6	
October	100	109.3	97.2	93.4	96.5	98.8	
November	100	109.3	96.1	94.6	97.2	103.0	
December	100	104.3	98.3	97.3	99.0	100.8	
Average (12 months)	100	105.4	99.1	95.5	96.3	98.4	

26. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911=100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

Par = 100.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural.‡	100 Com- modities Average.	Average Rates of Exchange.†				
						Australia on London.	London on New York.†	London on Paris.	Australia on New York.†	Australia on Paris.
1911*	100	100	100	100	100	100	...	...	...	...
1929*	162	140	204	184	186	102	100	100	102	100
1930*	109	110	172	178	170	100	100	100	106	105
1931*	105	70	154	180	155	128	107	107	140	137
1932*	96	88	140	177	152	125	139	139	174	172
1933*	127	82	124	172	151	125	115	147	143	181
1932—June	86	86	141	178	152	125	133	134	166	166
September	107	95	151	177	153	125	140	140	175	173
1933—January	101	79	123	173	148	125	145	144	181	178
March	92	79	108	172	144	125	142	142	176	172
April	93	81	108	172	146	125	135	142	168	176
May	104	88	120	172	148	125	124	145	152	179
June	118	90	134	173	151	125	117	144	146	178
July	134	96	137	173	154	125	105	146	130	180
August	136	90	137	172	156	125	108	148	134	183
September	154	84	140	172	156	125	104	154	130	191
October	151	71	134	171	152	125	104	155	129	192
November	171	76	114	169	152	125	95	151	118	188
December	175	74	113	169	154	125	95	148	118	185
1934—January	208	73	113	168	154	125	96	152	119	189
February	196	70	113	168	155	125	97	160	120	198
March	187	72	114	167	152	125	96	161	119	200
April	181	72	126	167	152	125	94	160	117	198
May... ..	159	74	142	167	151	125	95	161	118	200
June	142	79	142	166	146	125	96	162	120	202
July... ..	129	83	142	166	149	125	97	162	120	202
At 17th August	125	88	142	...	...	125	95	163	119	202

* Average for year.

‡ Approximate.

† Calculated on old parity of \$4.86 to £.

§ Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included. The individual items are listed on pages 488 and 489 of the "Official Year Book of New South Wales" for 1920.

The decrease in prices as between the average for 1929 and July, 1934, was, respectively (per cent. of 1929 average):—Wool, 20; wheat, 41; butter, 30; non-rural, 10; 100 commodities, average, 20.

27. OVERSEA WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS.

	1931.	1933.						1934.						
	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.
Great Britain—Board of Trade (1924 = 100)	59.7	61.5	61.7	62.0	61.8	61.9	61.9	63.0	63.4	62.5	61.9	61.6	62.3	62.2
United States—Irving Fisher (1926 = 100)	68.7	69.0	70.5	71.2	71.6	71.7	71.7	72.3	73.7	74.3	73.3	75.2	77.3	77.9*

Gold standard suspended by Great Britain 21st September, 1931, and by U.S.A. 6th March, 1933.

* Three weeks.

28. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Spot Prices of Metals (London Exchange, English Currency).

Date.	Gold* (Fine).			Silver (Standard).		Lead.†		Spelter.†		Tin (Standard).			Copper (Standard).	
	per oz.			per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.			per ton.	
	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
Average, 1927-29 ...	4	4	11	2	1.75	22	18	26	4	240	1	8	64	19
September, 1931 ...	4	11	3	1	2.10	11	19	11	16	117	17	10	31	11
1933.														
April	6	0	8	1	6.44	10	19	15	1	158	0	4	29	12
July	6	4	0	1	6.34	13	10	17	15	216	15	8	37	19
1934.														
January	6	10	1	1	7.38	11	8	14	16	226	14	4	32	12
February	6	17	0	1	8.07	11	15	14	19	226	16	2	33	2
March	6	16	6	1	8.28	11	13	14	17	233	19	2	32	10
April	6	15	2	1	7.74	11	12	15	1	239	6	0	33	0
May	6	16	3	1	7.28	11	3	14	16	234	7	8	32	14
June	6	17	9	1	7.98	11	3	14	7	226	19	10	32	3
July	6	17	11	1	8.51	10	18	13	11	230	9	4	29	15
August (1st to 17th) ...	6	18	2	1	9.18	10	18	13	12	228	14	10	28	13

*The par price of gold is £4 4s. 11d. per oz. fine.

† Mean of spot and forward quotations.

29. SUMMARY.

The following Table provides some indication of trends in 1933 and 1934 in respect of the principal activities for which it is possible to indicate general trends by monthly figures:—

Refer to Table No. ...	18	9	6	5	7	11	25	12
Month.	Index of Bank Clearings.	Value of Goods sold at Wholesale.	Value of Goods sold by certain Factories.	Quantity of Coal Hauled by Railways.	Value of City and Suburban Building Permits. (d).	Number of Passenger Journeys on Railways.	Index of Quantity of Gas and Electricity Consumed.	Tramway Revenue.
1933.		£ (b)	£ (b)	tons (a)	£ (a)	(c)		£ (a)
October	70	1,130	220	398	223	118	98.8	268
November	74	1,142	247	468	277	113	103.0	262
December	74	1,181	241	392	203	124	100.8	287
1934.								
January	78	987	220	453	289	126	99.6	301
February	77	1,037	233	426	401	110	99.9	261
March	75	1,092	243	427	424	126	99.0	292
April	74	1,125	210	440	345	130	100.8	272
May	74	1,164	239	509	519	126	100.0	276
June	78	1,091	214	492	515	127	102.8	247
July	76	...	...	530	416	...	100.5	...

(a) Thousands. (b) Ten thousands. (c) Hundred thousands. (d) New buildings and additions as recorded by Municipal Councils.

The general position in regard to primary industries might be gauged by reference to tables 1 to 4, and to the prices shown in the graph on page 1, and in table 26.

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